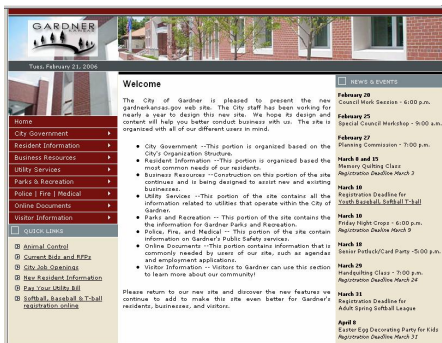


News from the City of Gardner

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Take a Tour of the New City of Gardner Website —www.gardnerkansas.gov



On February 1, 2006, the City of Gardner unveiled its new website. The concept for the new website was developed entirely by City staff and is designed to provide a comprehensive view of City

- Visit the Resident Information section to learn about items of interest to Gardner residents; from how to schedule a block party to how to notify the City about pothole.
- You can look up recent City Ordinances, check for City job postings, and see the latest bid requests.
- Check out the Utilities Services section which provides online payment, conservation tips and the City's latest utility projects and plans.
- Plan a day doing something fun in Gardner after doing a little surfing on the Visitor page.
- Schedule your Gardner Parks and Recreation activities online.
- And so much more....

services based on the many different types of users for the new site. We hope its design and content will help you better conduct business with us.

Here are some of the features that are available on the website:

- The New Resident Information Brochure, containing information useful to all residents.
- Public Safety's Animal Control page provides a link to the local animal shelter's information on pets available for adoption!
- Get information on weekend warrior projects, from fencing to garage expansion, on the Building Permit page.

While City staff continues to make daily updates to our new website, we are confident you will be pleased by the information now available to keep our community updated and informed! Please return to our new site and discover the features we continue to add to make this site even better for Gardner's residents, businesses, and visitors. Send us an e-mail if there is something you would like to see added.

Mayor to Appoint Intermodal Facility Review Committee

The City of Gardner has been approached by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad regarding a proposed Intermodal Facility to be located west of Waverly Road and south of 56 Highway. This facility would be used to transfer rail cargo from the western U.S. to the highways for delivery in the region.

The City is currently waiting to receive a transportation study and a separate economic impact study. The Mayor and Council have determined that a review committee should be appointed to analyze both studies, which are varied and complex. Additionally, the committee will seek input from the public and a variety of professional groups, which would help determine

the pros and cons of the project.

The committee, which is still in the process of being appointed, will be comprised of a broad spectrum of local stakeholders. The review committee will be assisted by the City of Gardner, Johnson County, State of Kansas and Southwest Johnson County Economic Development.



Example of distribution facility at an Illinois Intermodal Facility

The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

Luckily we have only had a few days of truly cold weather this winter that serves to make us eager for spring. Spring in Gardner not only brings flowers, green grass and warmer weather, it brings a promise of things to come.

It's the time of year when our Downtown Merchants host their open house for you to check out new merchandise. I encourage you to join with your neighbors and the Parks and Recreation Department in April to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by cleaning up the Gardner Greenway, planting a new tree and sharing lunch together. You might want to check out some of the exhibits at the Gardner Historical Museum or take the opportunity to step outside and enjoy Gardner's many parks and trails.

If you find winter hanging around a little too long, check out our new City website at www.gardnerkansas.gov. The City Staff has been working diligently to create a new user friendly website. Their focus was to make City services and information readily accessible for everyone around the clock by providing more of the information you need to conduct business with the City. Additional enhancements are being developed, so visit the new site often.

Also this spring, the City will begin reviewing a proposed Intermodal facility that, if approved, would be developed in the coming years just to the west of Gardner's current City limits. Plans are to create a review committee to assist the City Council in understanding the impact of this proposed facility. This committee will also serve as a means to collect public comments on this proposal. Please continue to watch the City's website and this newsletter for more information related to this project in the coming months.

I hope the new season puts a 'Spring' in your step and you and your family enjoy all that Gardner has to offer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Lehman".

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Capital Projects Update

Water Main Extension Project continues along Moonlight, 167th, Madison, and Center and is in its final stages. This project will connect the gaps in the existing mains which will improve pressure to the system.

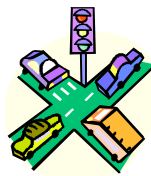
Bull Creek Lift Station Project is in the design stage and consists of converting the Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to a lift station and force main. The wastewater will be pumped to the Kill Creek Treatment Plant.

Northside Lift Station is in the bidding stage and after a contractor has been selected, work will commence. The project is anticipated to be completed in spring 2007.

Lincoln Lane Project– Cedar to Moonlight is planned to be constructed in 2006 and will include new storm water work that must be completed before the construction to expand Moonlight Road begins. The cost of this project is estimated at \$1.9 million.

Moonlight Road Project

continues with the design of the intersection and roadway expansion. Negotiations and purchase of right of way and easements necessary for the construction of this project will begin later this year.



Electric Substation No. 3 on Waverly Road went online in February.

Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant Expansion

continues to move along as scheduled. Concrete has been poured for the new wells, clarifiers, and beneath the filters in the new treatment building. Excavation for the new carbon feed building has been completed. The plant is able to produce 2 million gallons per day and the expansion will boost capacity to 4 million gallons a day. The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2006.

City-Wide Garage Sale Information

The City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 6th. It will be hosted, as it is every year, by the Downtown Merchants Association.

You can sign up to participate by registering at a Downtown Merchant who displays the sign, "Register Here", March 15 through April 15. There is a \$5 fee, which adds your address to the 'official' garage sale map. You will also get a sign for your yard.

Community Calendar

Gardner Historical Museum

Annual Meeting, March 2 at 6 p.m., Gardner Library

Local Artist Exhibits
March-April

Speakers on the following:

Victory Gardens
March 25 at 1 p.m. and
Creating Home Wellness
April 29th at 1 p.m.

Spring Open House for
Downtown Merchants
April 8th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Earth Day/Arbor Day

Celebration, April 22
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Greenway Corridor, Madison St.
See the Park and Recreation
Guide or visit
www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks

May Day Celebration

Lanesfield School
April 30, 1:00-4:00 pm
www.jocomuseum.org

City-Wide Garage Sale, May 6

Hosted by Downtown
Merchants Association
See article to the left!

City-Wide Spring Clean Up

May 13th; Watch for Details...



Help Conserve Water By Following an Odd or Even Schedule

Work continues on the Hillsdale Water Plant expansion, with completion anticipated for June 2006. This will expand the plant's current capacity of 2 million gallons a day to 4 million gallons a day.

Thus far, this season, we have seen limited amounts of precipitation. We are seeking your assistance in using water wisely as spring approaches. Last summer the City sought your assistance in an effort to help balance out water production, by asking *even numbered houses to water on even days and odd numbered houses to water on odd numbered days*. This plan was very successful last summer in stabilizing peak water consumption and reducing demand on the system. It will also help conserve water in our lakes, should we have a hot and dry summer.

For water saving tips visit the City of Gardner's new website -- www.gardnerkansas.gov.



Tornado Siren Testing Begins in March



Peak tornado season in Kansas runs from April through June. The Johnson County Emergency Management Department tests warning sirens on the **first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.**, weather permitting, with the exception of December and January. The first test of the year will be conducted at 11 a.m. on March 14th in preparation for the upcoming season. The first test will not be conducted on a Wednesday.

The sirens are located Walter near 175th Street and the Municipal Airport, at Colleen Street in the Parma Subdivision, at Washington & Walnut Streets, at 185th and South Center Street and on Broadmore in Conestoga mobile home park, and 160th Street and University Drive. These sirens are an *outdoor* warning system and are not meant to be heard inside your home or in your basement.

If an actual tornado emergency is in effect, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will have officers in patrol cars using their vehicle sirens to assist in warning residents. The DPS encourages every resident to invest in an early warning weather station. These weather stations are available at a discount price of \$29.95 at Price Chopper on Main Street. If you have questions about Gardner's Emergency Preparedness, contact the Department of Public Safety at 856-7312 or visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Schedule of Public Meetings **(120 E. Main Street)**

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
4th Monday, when needed

Planning Commission **Regular Meetings**

2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of the month
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address

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